

representation of commercial business concerns, from initial organizations, capital formation, developing strategic alliances and joint ventures between Wisconsin companies and overseas business interests. He has guided numerous companies through various growth and development phases involved in building a business. He has worked closely with businesses on their legal matters, including negotiating distributor agreements and establishing subsidiary or branch operations for clients throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, and serves on the Board of many companies engaged in international trade.

Mr. Mulcahy's leadership in the area of world trade is reflected in his role as founder of the Wisconsin World Trade Center (WWTC) in 1987. He served as the initial President of WWTC and continues to serve as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Mr. Mulcahy is past president of the Milwaukee World Trade Association and is also past chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Institute of World Affairs of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Mr. Mulcahy's record of service to Wisconsin businesses and to the Belgian of is distinguished and worthy of praise. His nomination to become a Knight in the Order of Leopold is truly deserved.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH HAVEN LIGHTHOUSE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of one of southwest Michigan's most famous landmarks: the three-story red lighthouse located in the beautiful community of South Haven. Artifacts such as this lighthouse are of tremendous historical value. These symbols of our heritage stand as a remembrance for generations to come. This 11-foot wide, 36-foot tall structure was constructed in 1903. Its red-case iron structure has always been one of its defining characteristics, making it easily identifiable to lighthouse enthusiasts and area historians. In fact, a new book has been published by the Michigan Maritime Museum depicting history of this lighthouse in honor of its 100th anniversary. As all folks who live, work, or grew up on the shores of Lake Michigan know, lighthouses provide an invaluable service to communities and commerce of the Great Lakes. I am proud that the South Haven lighthouse has reached its 100th anniversary and I am hopeful that it will survive 100 years more.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY GALLACHER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the life of Danny Gallacher who recently passed away. A long-time resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Danny made significant contributions to his

community as a leader and role model for others.

Danny and Mary raised four boys, eventually enlisting their help in running a number of family business ventures, which included a service station and a diner that eventually became a full-service restaurant and bar. One of Danny's major contributions to his community was his service as a counselor at the drug and alcohol detoxification center he helped establish.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Danny Gallacher. Danny will be especially missed by his family, friends, and the many people who knew him in the Glenwood Springs community. My thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO BOB STUMP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of a former colleague, friend, and mentor, the Honorable Bob Stump of Arizona. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Nancy, his children, Karen, Hoot, and Bruce, as well as his grandchildren, other family members and friends who loved him.

From his enlistment in the Navy during World War II at the age of 16, to his extraordinary leadership as chairman of the Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services Committees in the House of Representatives, Bob Stump was a true American hero.

Bob Stump served with distinction in Congress for 26 years, including 6 years as chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and 2 years as chairman of the committee on Armed Services. Chairman Stump used his influence to promote responsible legislation to assist and honor our nation's veterans.

Under Bob Stump's leadership, Congress increased funding for veterans health care; expanded access to long term care for aging veterans, including nonhospital alternative care; reformed eligibility standards for access to VA health care; extended the national cemetery system, including Arlington National Cemetery; increased assistance to disabled veterans and their survivors; and strengthened the Montgomery GI Bill that has helped millions of veterans fulfill their educational and career goals.

A modest man who preferred to shun the spotlight, Bob Stump's life and his legacy will continue to shine brightly for generations of service men and women to come.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Stump was the chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs from 1995–2000, and its ranking minority member for the 2 previous years. He served as a member of the Committee for a total of 14 years. During his tenure as chairman, he compiled a distinguished record of legislation that is a major part of his legacy of public service. As his successor as chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I particularly know and appreciate all that he did for our Nation's veterans, servicemembers and their families by working on a bipartisan basis in cooperation with veterans' service organizations. I want to

take this opportunity to recall the major veterans' legislation he authored, because Bob Stump was not one to trumpet his accomplishments.

In 1996, Chairman Stump initiated and Congress passed important health care eligibility reforms for veterans that removed barriers to outpatient care and allowed greater flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in paying for care closer to veterans' homes. The savings generated by shifting away from inpatient care and budget increases Bob supported were used to increase ambulatory care visits in fiscal year 2000 to more than 40 million total outpatient visits nationwide, an increase of 5.3 million outpatient visits per year over 1997. As a result of this legislation, the VA established hundreds of new community-based outpatient clinics throughout the Nation to improve veterans' access to health care.

In 1998, Bob Stump initiated and Congress passed the largest benefits expansion for veterans since the Persian Gulf war, including: allowing spouses of veterans who died from a service-connected disability to resume receiving assistance under the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation program if their subsequent remarriage ended; increasing adaptive housing and automobile allowances; increasing the monthly pension benefit for disabled veterans in need of the full time aid and attendance of another person by \$600 per year; and increasing the monthly Montgomery GI Bill payment from \$440 to \$528, a 20-percent increase.

Then in 2000, our former chairman initiated and Congress passed the landmark Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act, popularly known by many veterans as the Millennium Act, the most comprehensive benefits improvement legislation in decades. Some of its more significant provisions included: mandating nursing home and long-term care for seriously disabled veterans; allowing the VA to pay for emergency care for veterans lacking access to other health care plans; improving priority health care access for Purple Heart recipients and military retirees; improving benefits for surviving spouses of disabled veterans; and increasing programs providing employment and housing assistance to homeless veterans.

Also, Bob Stump greatly appreciated the value of education, and initiated Montgomery GI Bill benefits enhancements that increased the value of the monthly education benefit for veterans by nearly \$100 per month to \$650. The resulting 4-year total basic benefit of \$23,400 for a full-time student at a 4-year institution in the year 2000 was almost 50 percent higher than it was in 1997. This law also contained provisions that allowed servicemembers to contribute more up front to achieve an \$800 per month benefit, and it provided active duty servicemembers a new opportunity to convert their post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program benefits to the Montgomery GI Bill if they had not done so before or had withdrawn all the funds from their VEAP accounts.

Bob Stump had a particular interest in the national cemetery system, and worked for its expansion. Thanks to his efforts while he was chairman, five new national veterans' cemeteries were opened, adding approximately 835,000 gravesites to our national cemetery capacity. Additionally, legislation he sponsored was enacted to require the VA to plan 6 new